

# The Sun Valley Figure Skating Club Newsletter

## April 2010

### Upcoming Events & Calendar Notes

- **April 10, 2010: Deadline to sign up for the Spring Fling exhibition (see article).**
- April 16-18, 2010: McCall Skate by the Lake test & competition.
- April 25, 2010: SVSFC Spring Fling & Awards, 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. (see article).
- **May 1, 2010: Application deadline for Boise Classic and Test Session.**
- **June 1, 2010: Application deadline for June 13<sup>th</sup> SVFSC Test Session.**
- June 13, 2010: SVFSC Test Session.
- June 18, 2010: Boise Test Session.
- June 18 - 20, 2010: Boise Ice Classic and test.
- July 22 – 25, 2010: SV Summer Championships.
- July 25, 2010: SVFSC Test Session.
- August 21, 2010: SVFSC Test Session.

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### April 25<sup>th</sup>: Club Awards Ceremony and Exhibition

The Sun Valley FSC Board of Directors has voted to take a year off from the Spring Performance and give our hard working parent volunteers time to re-group before our annual summer championships in July and sole fundraiser “Fashions on Ice” this August.

In place of the show this year we will have a Spring Fling and Awards Potluck which will take place Sunday, April 25th from 2:30 - 4:30pm. Junior competitive members may sign up to skate one program in exhibition format and the cost will be \$20.00 per skater.

Skate With Us members may join us to watch the exhibitions and then take place in the Spring costume parade - great fun for all!

All skaters are invited to bring family and friends to watch the exhibitions and skate for free from 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. A skate rental fee of \$2.00 for those needing skates will be charged.

Please RSVP by April 10<sup>th</sup> by completing the Spring Fling Sign Up sheet and Awards Information sheet. The forms were previously e-mailed to all members who provided a working e-mail address. They can also be found on the [club website](#) and (while they last) on the Club Bulletin Board.

### **Potluck Information**

Please bring once dish to feed approximately 10 to 12 people according to the first letter of your last name:

A-H: Appetizers or salad

I-S: Main dish

T-Z: Drinks

The club will provide cake for desert.

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## **Annual Awards Ceremony: Awards & Criteria**

SVFSC awards are given each year based on the skater's competitive test level, whether it is in freestyle, dance or pairs. As outlined below, there are two senior-level awards and two junior-level awards. Each award is based on the specified criteria during the time period of April 19, 2009 to April 10, 2010.

### **SENIOR LEVEL AWARDS**

The Judy Fuller Sportsmanship Award and the Herman Maricich Achievement Award are given to skaters Juvenile through Senior test levels.

#### **JUDY FULLER SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD**

##### **Criteria**

- Positive attitude towards club and fellow skaters.
- Time devoted to club activities and events. (All community service forms must be placed in the box in the office by April 10, 2010.)

#### **HERMAN MARICICH ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

##### **Criteria**

- Tests passed.
- Placement in competitions.
- Special Competition Awards

### **JUNIOR LEVEL AWARDS**

The Daisy Langley Junior Sportsmanship Award and the Lolly Jensen Junior Achievement Award are given to skaters at the Non-Test through Pre-Juvenile test levels.

#### **DAISY LANGLEY JUNIOR SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD**

##### **Criteria**

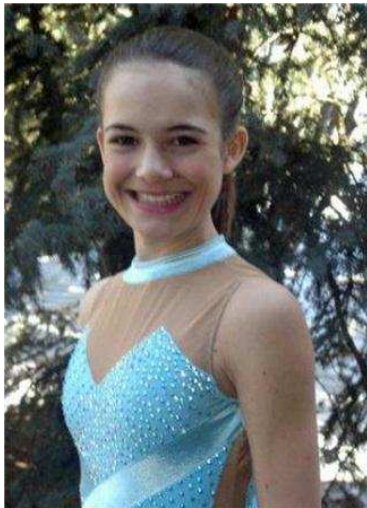
- Positive attitude towards club and fellow skaters.
- Time devoted to club activities and events.( All community service forms must be placed in the box in the office by April 10, 2010

## LOLLY JENSEN JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

### Criteria

- Tests passed
  - Placement in competitions.
  - Any special competition awards.
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## Nicole Pratt Becomes USFS Gold Medalist in Moves in the Field



Nicole Pratt, became a United States Figure Skating (USFS) Gold Medalist in Moves In the Field at the Winter Games' February test session. This achievement is the culmination of 10 years of year-round training. It marks a progression through eight different progressively challenging test levels.

The Senior Level Test is the highest level USFS Moves in the Field test available to figure skaters. With this honor, Nicole becomes one of an elite group of less than ten Sun Valley skaters to pass a Gold Moves Test in the last six years. Pratt is a 14-year-old a freshman at Wood River High School.

Nicole began skating 10 years ago in Sun Valley Figure Skating Club's "Skate-With Us" group classes for beginning skaters. She fell in love with skating and began taking lessons from Coach Darlin Baker. Baker, a US Open Bronze medalist and USFS Double Gold Medalist and International Medalist in Ice Dance, was Pratt's first coach and continues to be her primary coach. Baker is well-known locally as a principal professional soloist in the Sun Valley Summer Ice Shows for the past 17 years.

Nicole is a talented show skater as well as a technical skater. She performed in the Sun Valley Summer Ice Shows children's group number for over five years and in Sun Valley Company's Christmas Eve ice shows for 10 years. For the past three years, she has enjoyed principle solo roles as Clara and the Sugar Plum Fairy. She has also enjoyed solo and group roles in the Sun Valley Figure Skating Club's Spring Shows. Pratt hopes someday to become a professional featured soloist in the Sun Valley Summer Ice Shows.

Since she began, Nicole has actively competed both locally, and in Jackson Hole, Salt Lake, Boise, Spokane, Seattle, and Phoenix. She is the 2007 Pre Juvenile Northwest Pacific Regionals Champion. She currently has a 4.0 GPA, she participates in many community service programs, and she enjoys several extracurricular school activities, including track, volleyball, Environmental Club, and FCCLA.

Nicole also passed her Novice Freeskate test at the Winter Games test session.

**Other Sun Valley skaters who passed tests during the Winter Games test session**

**included:** Winter Rose, who passed three tests to complete her Silver Ice Dance level; Alexandra Harten, who passed Junior Moves, Juvenile Freeskate and completed her Pre-Silver Level Ice Dance level; Telar McClure, who passed Intermediate Freeskate; Caitlin Scholtis, who passed Juvenile Freeskate, Abby Chase, who passed her Willow Waltz and Ten Fox to complete her Bronze Level Ice Dances and also passed the Fourteen Step and Intermediate Free Dance tests.

In addition, Grace Hoffman passed three dance tests to complete her Preliminary Dances Level (in Boise), Dyllan Millar, Lane Letourneau, Katie Peters, Claire Stickney, Tara Ware and Grace Hoffman passed Preliminary Moves, and Lane Letourneau, Emma Stuessi and Aurora Wilkinson passed Pre-Preliminary Moves. Lauren Jacobs, Tara Ware, Emma Stuessi, Travis Flynt, Arizona Semones and Isabella Bourret passed Pre-Preliminary Freeskate. Adult skater Rod Harten passed Adult Pre-Bronze Moves, and former Olympic Ladies Freeskater Lisa-Marie Allen, who recently began ice dancing, passed no less than five different ice dances to complete both her Preliminary and Pre-Bronze Ice Dance levels.

The SVFSC would also like to congratulate associate member and good friend of the club, Alexa Linden of Medford, Oregon, for passing her Viennese Waltz and becoming a USFS Gold Medalist in Ice Dancing.

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## **SVFSC June 13<sup>th</sup> Test Session**

Barbara Richardson, the SVFSC Test Chair, has just organized a test session for Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. The application deadline for this test is June 1, 2010. Test forms can be found on the club web site. There will also be test sessions on July 25<sup>th</sup> and August 21<sup>st</sup>.

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## **Summer Ice Schedule**

According to Scott Irvine, Sun Valley Ice Rink Manager/Ice Show Director, summer brochures and information packets will be mailed out this month. Once the new Sun Valley website goes live, all current skating forms and information will be available there.

Here is a copy of the 2010 summer ice schedule:



### OUTDOOR RINK

□	TIME	SESSION/CLASS	DAY
	7:50-8:40	Patch	Mon-Fri
	8:40-9:05	Jump to Win	Mon & Wed
	8:40-9:05	Spin to Win	Tue & Thur
	8:40-9:05	Sk8 Tricks	Fri
	9:05-9:30	Coffee Club	Mon-Fri
	9:40-11:10	General Session	Mon-Fri
	11:25-12:15	Program Dance	Mon-Fri
	12:25-1:15*	Freestyle (Jr, Sr, Pro)	Mon-Fri
	1:25-3:00	General Session	Mon-Fri
	3:10-3:35	Stepping Out!	Mon-Fri
	3:35-4:25	Freestyle (Notest-Juv)	Mon-Fri
	4:35-6:05	General Session	Mon-Fri
	6:15-7:05*	Freestyle (Juv-Sr)	Mon-Fri
	7:15-9:00*	General Session	Mon-Fri

\*Session canceled ice show nights

□	TIME	SESSION/CLASS	DAY
		Off-Ice conditioning	

### INDOOR RINK

□	TIME	SESSION/CLASS	DAY
	6:30-7:20	Open Freestyle/Dance	Mon-Fri
	7:30-8:20	Open Freestyle/Dance	Mon-Fri
	8:30-9:20	Open Freestyle/Dance	Mon-Fri
	9:30-10:20	Freestyle (Prelim-Int)	Mon-Fri
	10:30-11:20	Freestyle (Juv-Sr)	Mon-Fri
	11:30-12:20	Freestyle (Nov-Sr)	Mon-Fri
	12:30-1:20	Adult Session	Mon-Fri
	1:20-2:10	Freestyle (Nontest-Juv)	Mon-Fri
	2:20-3:10	Open Freestyle	Mon-Fri
	3:10-3:40	Choreography	Mon-Fri
	3:40-4:00	Stroking	Mon-Fri
	4:10-5:00	Freestyle (Juv-Sr)	Mon-Fri
	5:10-5:35	Old School Edges	Mon
	5:10-5:35	Theater on Ice	Tue & Thur
	5:10-5:35	Spirals in Style	Wed
	5:10-5:35	Guest Clinic	Fri.
	5:45-6:35	Dance/Moves	Mon-Fri
	6:45-7:35	Dance	Tue & Thur

## Volunteers Needed for The Sun Valley Summer Championships!

By Andrea Nelson, competition chair

We are proud to be able to say that the **Sun Valley Summer Championships** has become one of largest and most popular figure skating competitions in the Northwest Region! To make it a success, every parent and older skater is needed and required to volunteer, so please save the dates (July 22-25) and plan for the following:

\***Everyone** will need to bring a dish for judges' food, regardless of other volunteer duties.

\* **All skaters in fourth grade or higher** must volunteer for *at least* one runner shift, or a comparable or higher volunteer position. Please try to do more than one runner shift, help with the snack bar, and pitch in when ask wherever possible.

\* **Adult skaters, and parents with older children** who have competition experience, are needed as division Co-Chairs. (See below.)

\* At minimum, in addition to bringing judges food, **all parents** must cover *at least* one ice monitor shift (generally 3-4 hours) or a comparable or higher volunteer position. If you have younger children, please plan for child care during your ice monitor shift.

A Division Co-Chair will contact you to schedule your volunteer duties closer to the event. Skaters and parents will be scheduled so that their duties do not conflict with their skaters' events and *pre-scheduled* practice ice time. Please confer with your coach to schedule all practice ice in advance, so no last minute conflicts arise. If last minute conflicts do arise, volunteers are responsible for finding a replacement and notifying the Division Co-Chair before they are excused from their duties.

Please jump in and help as much as possible. The Sun Valley Summer Championships is our biggest event of the year! E-mail Andrea at [acn@cox.net](mailto:acn@cox.net) if you would like more information on volunteering:

The Chair and Co-Chairs for the 2010 Sun Valley Summer Championships are:

**Competition Chair:** Andrea Nelson

**General Troubleshooting Co-Chair:** Joan Lamb

**Registrar:** Holly Wheeler, SVFSC Secretary

**Co-Chairs in Charge Of....**

- **Inviting and Confirming Judges:** Karen Hold
- **Judges Housing:** Tim Semones
- **Judges Food:** Susan Flynt (Note: Susan needs an Assistant Co-Chair who will be in town during the competition.)
- **Judges Transportation Coordinator:** Penny Eagan
- **Judges Gifts:** Barbara Richardson (Barbara is also Test Chair for Sunday's USFS testing with Lisa Broderick's assistance)
- **Registration Desk/Assistants to Registrar:** Kathy Crosson and **Co-Chair Needed**
- **Ice Monitor Coordinator:** Stacey Sholtis
- **Runners Coordinator:** Caitlin Sholtis
- **Announcer Coordinator:** Rod Harten
- **Snack Bar and Concessions:** Gail Stickney and Jane Ware

- **Awards:** Michelle Gentling
- **“Dads’ Club” Set Up/Tear Down:** Brad Cleveland
- **Wednesday Night Practice Ice:** Alex Harten
- **Programs:** Becca Stuessi
- **Finding Sponsors:** Brad Cleveland
- **Gift Bags:** Alex Harten and Caitlin Scholtis
- **Running Interpretive Improvisation:** \*Middle or High School Junior Member Co-Chair(s) Needed. May not be competing in Interpretive Improvisation.

## Congratulations!

### **Jackson Hole Invitational**

Five skaters captured a cache of medals for the Sun Valley Figure Skating Club at the Jackson Hole Invitational (JHI) March 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>. Drawing skaters from both the Northwest and Central Pacific figure skating regions, the JHI offers a higher level of competition comparable to the Sun Valley Summer Championships in popularity and attendance.



Nine-year-old Alex Stuessi (shown at left), a Hemingway Elementary School student, was awarded the Stacey Findorff Trophy for excellence in skating at the Basic Skills through Nontest level, as well as representing the spirit of skating at the JHI. Selected from a group of over 45 potential recipients, JHI judges and officials felt that Stuessi’s skating skill and on-ice personality distinguished her. Stuessi’s name will be added to the Findorff Trophy permanently displayed at the Snow King Resort ice rink.

The honor capped off a very successful competition for our club, with all five skaters medaling in at least one event. Lauren Jacobs won gold in the Showcase event at the Preliminary level, as did Emma Stuessi and Arizona Semones at the Pre-Preliminary level. Alex Stuessi won gold medals in both the Showcase and Artistic events at the Nontest level.



Competing at qualifying levels under the International Judging System for the first time, Alexandra Harten won the bronze medal in the Intermediate Ladies Long Program and took fourth in the Short Program and Fourth overall in Intermediate Ladies Freeskate. Harten also won silver medals in Intermediate Showcase and Interpretive Improvisation. Emma Stuessi won bronze in Pre-Preliminary Freeskate, and Arizona Semones won bronze in Pre-Preliminary Artistic.

The five Jackson Hole Invitational medalists (see picture) were accompanied by their primary coach, Holly Wheeler. Their programs were designed by professional coach and choreographer Gia Guddat.

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### **Lacy Marsh Receives Gold Medal for Ice Dance**

A special mini-awards ceremony was held on April 2nd to honor Lacy Marsh's achievement of her USFS Gold Dance medal. The club had planned to give Lacy the medal during the annual awards ceremony, but learned that Lacy would be in Montana training with her new ice dance partner.



Lacy, shown at left holding her gold medal with aspiring ice dancer Abby Chase, passed her gold dance test last August. To get their gold medal, dancers must pass 23 dances over 7 different levels. Lacy also has her gold medal for Moves in the Field. She plans on competing in Junior ice dance this season.

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## **More Information**

- More information can be found on the [Sun Valley Figure Skating website](http://SunValleyFigureSkating.com).
- Questions about the club can be emailed to: [info@sunvalleyfsc.com](mailto:info@sunvalleyfsc.com).
- Newsletter submissions are due on the last day of the month to be included in the next month's edition. Suggestions are greatly appreciated! Please send comments and submissions to: [coleenc@hotmail.com](mailto:coleenc@hotmail.com).